State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue

to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African-American men having the lowest life

expectancy; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance

of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems

will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value that preventive health can

play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their

children and consequently have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a

national men's health awareness period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's

health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and

prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance

of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 2019 as

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of May, A.D. 2019.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney L. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs